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## COURT TRIES KILL PROOF OF MOONEY FRAME-UP! MAY 1, FREE MOONEY PARADES

### S.F. Charity Workers in 24-hr. Strike Apr. 10, for Light, Heat

#### AGRICULTURAL UNION CALLS FOR STRUGGLE; LETTUCE STRIKE ON

Call For Organization in Hayward Fields As  
Peas Start; Filipino Workers Rally  
To Union

SAN JOSE, Calif., March 24.—With the seasons beginning in the agricultural fields the District Committee of the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union is calling upon workers to resist the most intense exploitation already beginning.

From all fields where work has already started, reports come in that rates paid are far below even prices paid last year. The union everywhere is calling for workers to form committees on the job, issue demands and prepare the workers to strike against the slave conditions.

Details for organization can be obtained by writing to the headquarters at 81 Post street, San Jose.

#### Peas Start At Hayward

Workers in the San Jose district have just been notified that about 2000 pea pickers will be hired in the Hayward fields beginning next week.

The union calls attention to all workers going there that the two boss contractors, Frank Kunion and Martine, who made \$60,000 profit last year out of exploiting pea pickers, are paying 17c per basket, for

#### KLAN RAIDERS GET 6 MONTHS, \$250 FINE

According to Law Are to Get  
From One to Ten  
Years

LOS ANGELES, March 26.—Despite every effort of the capitalist courts and police to prevent a trial, the mass campaign led by the International Labor Defense secured a victory today when the fifteen Ku Klux Klan thugs who raided the Long Beach home of David Miller were sentenced to six months in jail and fines of \$250 each.

Found guilty by jury trial a month ago, the sentence of one to ten years legally called for was ignored by Judge Scott, who made every effort to whitewash the Klansmen, and attacked the workers beaten up in the raid last November as "deficient either in patriotism or intelligence." The fact of the Klansmen having committed perjury on the stand—claiming they had only been spectators at the raid, and lying to protect their leaders—was something the judge could not jump over, however.

The district attorney's office, forced by the I. L. D. to prosecute the gangsters, went out of their way to prejudice the jury against the workers attacked in the Miller home with clubs and rubber hose, and Police Lieutenant Miller who sent a squad out to interrupt the raid and, incidentally, saved the lives of the Millers, has been dismissed "for the good of the service" and denied a hearing.

#### BULLETIN

MONTEREY, March 25.—A strike movement is spreading in the Monterey County lettuce fields. Filipino workers brought in from Stockton refused to do strike breaking work and demanded to be taken back.

The strike started as a result of a 50% wage cut, from 30c per hour to 15c.

The Agricultural Workers Union has already issued a call to workers in all parts to stop the shipment of scabs into the strike area, and popularize the strike in all meetings.

#### RELIEF WORK STRIKE WINS CONCESSIONS

RENTON, Wash., March 18.—On Saturday, March 11th, 150 workers and farmers carried out a successful demonstration against the vicious MacDonald bill (against forced labor) which has been in effect for two weeks. After taking possession of the Library where the local relief office is situated they were determined to stay until the following demands were granted:

1. Demand that workers of Issaquah be given relief vouchers while they were on strike against forced labor.
2. Meeting with the relief board of Seattle.

The local unemployed workers were augmented by delegations of workers and farmers from Issaquah, Hobart, Kent and the surrounding counties.

While they were waiting on the answer to their demands the city was called upon to furnish hot coffee and sandwiches for the entire delegation and was supplied in a hurry. Finally about 10 p. m. the mayor who called a hurried session with the state dictating czars, announced that the state would receive a committee of three from each town present to present their demands.

Through militant rank and file leadership and concerted mass action we are forcing the bosses to give extra relief.

The demonstration was brought to a close with the workers singing "Solidarity" as they left the room.

#### RELIEF WORKERS WILL GATHER AT CIVIC CENTER 1 O'CLOCK

Workers Will Force  
Supervisors To  
Answer

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—Refusal of the Board of Supervisors to answer demands of the Charity Workers Protective Union, presented on March 6, will be answered by a 24-hour stoppage by all workers on relief jobs to allow them to attend a United Front mass meeting at the Civic Center at 1 p. m. April 10, to back up a delegation which will be named to present to the Supervisors the following demands:

Cash pay instead of groceries.

Stop gas, light and water shut offs.

Stop auto license plate confiscations.

Final plans for making the stoppage 100 per cent effective will be drawn up at a United Front Conference to be held Sunday, April 2, at 2 p. m. in Equality Hall, 111 Albion street.

The Charity Workers Protective Union is organizing its more than 3000 members to form the nucleus of a huge outpouring of all the unemployed of the city on April 10. All A. F. of L. unions, fraternal and language associations are being invited to participate in the conference on April 2.

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#### Their Fight Helped Get New Mooney Trial



The Mooney Olympics Games Runners, just before starting their six month jail terms in Los Angeles. They are Ben Boots, Ann Davis, Meyer Baylin, Ethel Dell, Jess Shapiro and Edward Almer.

#### PAT CALIHAN NOMINATION FILED; ONLY FRESNO WORKERS CANDIDATE

Secretary of the Unemployed Council Is  
Endorsed By the Communist Party

FRESNO, Calif., March 21.—Nomination of Pat Calihan for Mayor of Fresno was filed here yesterday after an intensive drive for signatures. This assures the workers a candidate for the office which is known as Commissioner of Public Safety and Welfare.

In his statement of qualifications Comrade Calihan refers to his bitter fight for adequate cash relief as secretary of the Fresno Unemployed Council, a fight which was opposed by all the other candidates.

He demands immediate appropriations, to be raised by cutting all officials' salaries to \$3000, and by taxing corporations and large incomes.

Other points in his platform are: For State Social Unemployment Insurance as provided in Assembly Bill No. 1910.

Against all war appropriations. All war funds to the unemployed.

Recognition of the Soviet Union and defense of the Chinese Soviets.

Unconditional release of Tom Mooney.

Against "public ownership" of the San Joaquin Light and Power company, promising to fight for water, light and gas for all unemployed at the expense of big profits.

Comrades Thaelman, Pick, Ramelle and hundreds of other leaders of the German workers, have been arrested, are subject to the cruelest tortures, and will be scattered in special concentration camps being organized by the Hitler bloody regime.

The government announced that the Communist press is shut down forever and even the Socialist press is shut down to April 4th.

The German workers call for the international support of all workers. The Communist International has issued a call for a United Fight against Fascism and Hunger.

Workers of the West! Start now to organize protest meetings. Demand the release of the most courageous fighters of the German workers. Let these protests express a united front of all workers organizations!

#### Two Historic Trials



Top, Leo Gallagher, I. L. D. attorney who made Mooney's argument in court March 24, when new trial was won. Bottom, Comrade Brodsky, I. L. D. attorney, leading the court fight for defense of the Scottsboro Negro boys, beginning March 27, in Alabama.

#### DENVER CONFERENCE DECIDES TO PICKET FORCED LABOR JOBS

DENVER, Colo., March 24.—Delegates from 62 Denver labor, fraternal and unemployed organizations including 23 A. F. of L. locals took part in the recent United Front unemployment conference here. The conference decided to picket the Platte River to stop work being done for grocery orders and insist upon cash relief. A delegation was elected to confer with the Governor and demand action on unemployment relief and the Workers Unemployment Insurance bill in the legislature. A strong committee was also elected to carry the fight against forced labor to the Denver City Council.

On Saturday, April 1, at 2 p. m., a demonstration of Japanese and American workers will be held at Post and Buchanan streets, for solidarity of the working class against imperialist war.

The ships will leave April 17 for Los Angeles, where more than 60% of the Japanese population in the United States is to be found.

#### CONFERENCE ON APR. 2 TO PLAN MASS SUPPORT AND CARAVAN TO CHICAGO MOONEY CONVENTION

United Front Must Be Strengthened, To  
Utilize Victory For Final Fight To  
Free Tom Mooney

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—The Tom Mooney United Front Conference will meet on Sunday, April 2nd, 2:00 p. m., at Equality Hall, 141 Albion street. At this conference final plans for a great West coast delegation to the Chicago Mooney Convention, and for mobilizing the widest masses behind the Mooney trial, will be outlined.

Such organizations as have not yet affiliated should send delegates to this conference. Now especially is it important to organize every ounce of energy to bring the Mooney fight to a successful finish.

#### WORKERS TO PROTEST S. F. RECEPTION TO JAPAN WAR AGENTS

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26.—Two Japanese training ships will appear in West coast ports shortly on a "goodwill tour." The officers and Japanese Consuls will be feted, according to plans now being arranged by committees, by the Chambers of Commerce, Businessmen's Associations and munitions makers, and industrialists sending or interested in selling war materials to Japan. Ysuke Matsuoaka, Japanese Geneva delegate, now in New York, is expected to be in this city when the two ships are here, between April 11 and 17. Matsuoaka is at present attending "goodwill" banquets and placing munition orders. The visits will further be used for building up a patriotic war spirit.

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SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—Only five days after the big auditorium Mooney meeting, the greatest victory scored in the 17-year fight to free Mooney resulted in the hearing on the remaining indictment before Judge Ward, when a new trial, to begin April 26th, was granted.

This will actually be the first opportunity to lay bare the frame-up facts officially before the courts, and promises to be the greatest expose in America's frame-up history. The state, prosecuting Mooney, will not be able to produce witnesses as all those used in the frame-up have long ago confessed perjury.

For the first time in seventeen years Mooney will be brought out of San Quentin, and workers will see the staunch fighter in action again. In the meantime the Communist Party of the California Dist. announces the May 1st demonstrations will be turned into great parades demanding that the frame-up evidence be admitted by the court. Also now, especially, there must be no let-up on mass pressure. (Continued on Page 3)

#### WORKERS LOCAL TICKET FILED IN OAKLAND

Endorsed By Communist  
Party; Election April 18

OAKLAND, March 24.—With five workers' candidates on the ballot for the city election here April 18, an intensive campaign has been launched to show working class solidarity in piling up a big vote against Hunger Terror and Imperialist War.

The candidates are Joseph Studevant, for Councilman at large; Otto O. Schwartz for Councilman, District No. 7; Mrs. Constance Muganias for School Director, No. 1; Everett E. Wilder for School Director, No. 2; Mamie E. Reed for School Director, No. 3. The candidacy of P. J. Boskovich for Councilman in District No. 2, is no longer endorsed by the Communist Party in view of his having been found guilty of race prejudice.

Statements of the candidates place them squarely on the Communist Party platform: Against unemployment relief cuts, for state unemployment insurance (Assembly Bill 1910); against evictions and foreclosures, for payment of rent, gas, light and water by city and county; for a 5-day week and 6-hour day, with no wage cut; and a minimum wage of \$4 a day; for increased taxation of the rich; against race discrimination in distribution of relief; against wage cuts and dismissals of teachers,

## Bob Minor Exposes Mooney Frame-Up

Below we reprint the speech made by Comrade Bob Minor, at the great Mooney mass meeting, at the San Francisco Civic Auditorium, on March 19, attended by 15,000, reviewing the Mooney case. Minor was the first organizer for Mooney's defense:

COMRADES AND FELLOW  
WORKERS:

Seventeen years ago Tom Mooney and Warren Billings were framed up and sent to prison for life, in the case of Billings; and sentenced to hang by the neck until dead, in the case of Mooney. And this frame-up and conviction had nothing to do with the bomb explosion on Steuart and Market street. Their arrest and these 17 years of martyrdom that they lived through in torture were because of a struggle between capital and la-

bor. When the bloody tragedy occurred in the Preparedness parade, which was to usher this country into the world war, no effort was made to find those, if any, who set off a bomb in that parade. No effort was made by the police to solve the problem.

The corrupt alliance between the police and the city government, under the then Mayor Rolph, with the United Railroads Company and with the Pacific Gas and Electric Company resulted in such way that the whole affair was turned into an effort of the corporations of the city and state to make this a blow at organized labor. A blow to break down the trade union movement; a blow to establish the open shop in California. Therefore there was no effort to trace any of the evidence, of which there was plenty,

but only the effort to fasten the crime upon the most honest, the most courageous, the best of the leaders of the labor movement—Tom Mooney. Tom Mooney, leader of the Street Car men's strike which had just come to an end, and Warren Billings who was associated with him, together with Rena Mooney, and two others were taken into the prisons and the detectives for the Pacific Gas and Electric company and the United Railroads, who was engaged to break the strike that Mooney lead, was put in charge of the whole affair—of the bomb explosion at Steuart and Market streets. All evidence was either destroyed or deliberately suppressed by a corrupt District Attorney, Charles M. Fickert, behind whom was arrayed the power of finance and big business of Cal-

ifornia. There never was such a farcical trial as that in which Billings and Mooney were condemned for their loyalty to the working class.

HIRED WITNESSES

Witnesses, hired, came to the front. Witnesses hired and trained, as actors and actresses are trained, Captain Goff of the San Francisco police department went into this affair together with underlings, all taking the orders of the Pacific Gas and Electric company detective. Such a farce was this that Epsom Salts, found in the bathroom of one of the defendants, was for weeks passed off as evidence, as a high explosive. Witnesses like John MacDonald, who was ready to take the big reward offered, to

swear that he saw them at the scene of the crime. Estelle Smith, who was subpoenaed to come forward to swear that she has seen them just a little previous to the crime. Photographs which established the alibi of Mooney and his wife were deliberately falsified by the police and turned over after being falsified to the defense in order to bring about a false conviction. When it became possible for the defense to destroy the case of the state, the state came forward with new and contradictory evidence. The "honest cattleman," Mr. Oxman, came forward to testify to a false and entirely different story.

WITNESSES CONFESSED

Now since the conviction these men have lived in martyrdom for seventeen years, all of the wit-



# WORKERS! VOTE YOUR OWN TICKET APRIL 10!

## BOSSSES CALL A FIGHT AGAINST STARVATION "UNAMERICAN"

Ballyho, promises, rapid rantings about a "New Deal," and evasion when pressed about relief measures, mark the attitude of five of the six majority candidates in the San Bernardino City elections on April 10. San Bernardino is a working class town. Most of that working class is unemployed and can get little relief from the so-called charities. Dozens of stores along the main streets are vacant, hundreds of homes are untenanted, although many workers are forced to live in Hoovervilles on the outskirts of the city.

Relief, medical attention and employment are the most vital problems before the workers here. Not one of these five candidates has declared himself concretely on these points.

The candidates of the Workers United Front Election Campaign Committee—Sidney L. Partridge for Mayor, John H. Atkins for Councilman First Ward, and Wilbur F. Yates for Councilman Second Ward—are the only ones who have exposed the real issue. Their platform is termed by the boss

press "unAmerican." The signs displayed at Meadowbrook Park demanding free lights, gas and water for the unemployed, and free milk for babies are termed "unAmerican." The actions of the Unemployed Council in turning on water, lights and gas for destitute families is called "unAmerican." If this is true, then "Americanism" must mean the starving of workers, women and children; "Americanism" must mean the forcing of millions of human beings into sickness, disease and death! "Americanism" must mean the forcing of hundreds of thousands of young workers to hum around the country, and thousands of young women into prostitution!

If this is the kind of "Americanism" the Sun Publishing Company and its reactionary puppet henchmen stand for, then it is high time that the great mass of the workers here declare themselves. This coming election will afford that opportunity. The banks, railroads, trusts and utilities have all been "helped." It is about time that the workers here helped themselves.

## THE "NEW DEAL" IS A CONTINUATION OF HOOVER'S PROGRAM

A recent statement in the Morning Sun says that the program of the Workers United Front Committee is "idealistic and would require drastic changes in our state constitution." This is exactly what the Workers Committee is pointing out to the hard-pressed workers here. It is not a local, county, state or even national depression, it is international with the exception of the Soviet Union.

Fellow workers of San Bernardino, let us examine the much discussed "new deal" under the Roosevelt administration. What can we expect from him? If we believe the boss press, he is going to make the poor rich and the rich happy! It will be remembered however that although Hoover through his Reconstruction Finance Corporation gave \$3,000,000,000 to banks, trusts, railroads and corporations in about three years, Roosevelt, who said he would help the "forgotten man" took just one week to print \$2,000,000,000 and give it to the same banks! Hoover brought a storm of criticism upon himself for his brutal treatment of the bonus expeditionary forces when he ignored the soldiers demand for their back pay, but Roosevelt cut \$400,000,000 or nearly half from the pensions drawn by ex-soldiers!

Thus workers can see that what one of the speakers said at Meadowbrook Park, on the day that Roosevelt took office, March 4th, was true. Wall Street Hoover has moved out of the White House and Wall Street Roosevelt moves in!

## \$2 IN GROCERIES EVERY TEN DAYS CALLED "RELIEF"

SAN BERNARDINO, March 25.—Hundreds of workers here are forced to accept a measly \$2.00 box of groceries for a full eight hours of labor. The worker has no choice as to the contents of the box and regardless of the number of his dependents, he gets only one day's work every ten days. This rotten condition will continue just as long as the workers here meekly accept it. Organize and back the candidates of the Workers United Front Committee to force cash instead of groceries!

## Thompson Crusade Will Not Clean Up On Charity Rackets

SAN BERNARDINO, March 24.—For the past few months Golden Lawrence, Fascist-minded minister, has led a campaign, crusading with one hand against vice conditions and with the other advocating extermination of workers who are struggling to end these evils by a better system, a government of the working class. This crusade has ended with backing C. O. Thompson, local attorney for mayor.

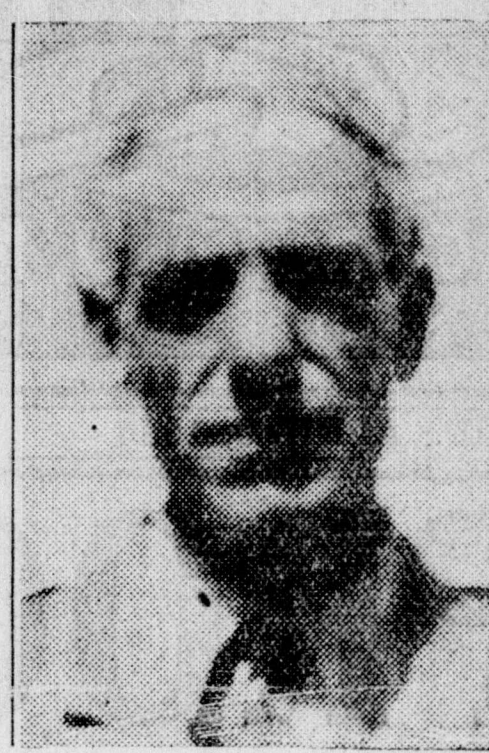
Workers know it is the capitalist system that breeds crime, prostitution and all vices, including the local relief conditions which forces hundreds of workers families to exist on starvation grocery doles. About cleaning up this miserable condition and charity rackets, and giving real relief, the crusade and its Mr. Thompson will do nothing.

## SCHOOL TRUSTEES THREATEN STUDENTS

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., March 24.—The Board of Trustees at the San Bernardino Valley Junior College have attempted to suppress even the thoughts of the students. Recently, much space was used by the local papers in which these Trustees exposed what they claimed was a Communist organization, meeting secretly, to wreck the school.

The organization, Pen and Hammer, is not secret. It was advertised on the campus, but was branded with all sorts of lies and slander. When asked to produce proof, these reactionary puppets of our capitalist class educational system, said that they had a stool pigeon at the meetings but refused to name him. Getting no support for their yellow journal "findings" from students and workers here, they have written the parents of the student members of the club in an effort to intimidate them.

John H. Atkins



Born in El Monte, Calif., in 1888, Atkins has been a textile and iron worker for 25 years, and has been active in the labor movement all his life. Left Socialist Party when he saw it was third capitalist party. Resident of San Bernardino four years.

Sidney L. Partridge



Born New Orleans in 1884. Member Brotherhood Railway Trainmen 25 years and of Int. Assn. of Machinists 5 years. Active in I. W. W. and Socialist movements for 20 years until he realized their reactionary character. Resident of San Bernardino 1 1/2 years.

Sidney L. Partridge for Mayor. John H. Atkins for Councilman—First Ward. Wilbur F. Yates for Councilman—2nd Ward.

## PLATFORM OF WORKERS TICKET; ENDORSED BY COMMUNIST PARTY

### Vote For Cash Relief, For the Right to Meet And Organize, Against Wage Cuts and Against the Boss Candidates

The above candidates are running as independents but each has pledged his support to the program of the class conscious workers of San Bernardino and is endorsed by the COMMUNIST PARTY, the only party of the workers, as well as by workers organizations here such as the UNEMPLOYED COUNCIL, the INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE, the FRIENDS OF THE SOVIET UNION, the WORKERS EX-SERVICEMEN'S LEAGUE and WORKING WOMEN'S COUNCIL.

The Workers United Front Election Committee calls upon all employed and unemployed, regardless of race, creed or nationality to elect these candidates, who are the only representatives of the workers and will fight for a program in the interest of the workers. The other candidates represent the grafters, politicians, banks, utilities and trusts.

### PLATFORM

1—DRASTIC CHANGE IN RELIEF ADMINISTRATION. Immediate and adequate relief is the most vital problem before the working people of San Bernardino. Only the workers candidates stand for a real relief platform.

(a) Immediate centralization of all relief, including cash, relief work, and commodities, to be handled by a committee of workers.

This will mean that a large amount of money, now going for overhead will go to hungry workers, and the elimination of waste, "racket" charities and graft. There will be no discrimination on account of race, creed or color under workers control.

(b) Cash relief to every unemployed worker to be obtained by a graduated tax upon all incomes over \$4000 and upon the profits of corporations, trusts and chain stores.

The two dollar box of groceries does not mean medicine, carfare and many other necessities to the family of the unemployed.

(c) No confiscation of workers and farmers property for non-payment of taxes, nor mortgage foreclosures, and no evictions. Free water, light and gas for the unemployed.

2—UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, BONUS, ALL WAR FUNDS FOR UNEMPLOYED

Full support to the Workers Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill, No. 1910, introduced in the California Legislature. This places the burden of the crisis squarely upon the shoulders of the government and employers, where it belongs. The government has found billions for the banks, trusts and for war, and can do so for unemployment insurance.

Also for the full payment of the veterans bonus.

(3) Removal of all overhead wires, and for underground conduits. Full wages at union scales be paid for all labor.

(4) Against wage cuts and speed ups and all stagger plans. Repeal of all anti-picketing laws.

(5) Recognition of the Soviet Union.

The Soviet Union is the only country where the workers are in control and recognition will help it carry out its great program of socialist construction. We must fight to defend the Soviet Union against all the imperialist war moves.

(6) Freedom of speech and assemblage, and use of city facilities by any group of San Bernardino workers. For the repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law and the immediate release of Tom Mooney.

The arrest of eight workers on March 4th, and the interference with the fight for relief on many occasions, shows the workers must fight for the right to assemble and organize, together with the fight against starvation.

CONCLUSION  
Workers of San Bernardino! This is your platform. The bosses and their politicians who are not worried about a job, food, clothing, shelter and medical care for their families, are opposed to it, and fight it.

But you, for the first time have an opportunity to vote for your own platform. This will be the first time you will have voted for yourselves.

VOTE THE WORKERS TICKET ON APRIL 10!

The Workers United Front Election Campaign Committee. 584 Court Street

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## GREAT SUPPORT FOR 8 ARRESTED FORCES DELAY IN TRIAL

Workers Led Demonstration For Relief on March 4

SAN BERNARDINO, March 23.—Mass sympathy with the eight workers arrested at the March 4 demonstration here caused the authorities to delay the scheduled trials. The first came up on March 21. The city attorney argued that these workers, out on \$400 bail each, should be rearraigned and tried jointly. This is a move on the part of the reactionary forces to check the growing influence of the Unemployed Council and the Workers' Election Campaign Committee. The workers are being defended by Leo Gallagher and Grover Johnson, local attorney.

One of the workers candidates, who is to face trial soon for telling workers to fight for unemployment insurance, is continually referred to in the boss press as "criminal." The workers of San Bernardino, however, know his only "crime" is that of organizing workers to struggle against starvation.

The eight workers who are to stand trial spoke to a mass meeting in Meadowbrook Park; 400 workers present applauded the speakers as they outlined the causes of unemployment and starvation in capitalist society and urged all workers to organize and fight for immediate and adequate relief at the expense of the bankers and bosses and for the working class way out of the crisis—the establishment of a Workers and Farmers Government.

This was not to the taste of the Chamber of Commerce, the K. K. K. and the misleaders of the American Legion, who, supported by police, attacked the assembled workers. The meeting was broken up, but not before the last speaker mounted the platform. Lawrence Ross, Workers' candidate for Mayor of Los Angeles, and Del Lumsford, San Bernardino worker and chairman of the meeting, were brutally beaten. The other workers now out on bail are: Joseph H. Wilson, election campaign manager; Emmett Gaon, Earl Ambrose, John H. Atkins, Worker candidate for Councilman, First Ward; Robert Goforth and C. H. Jacobs. The last two are world war veterans who saw service overseas.

This terror against the workers only served to rally employed and unemployed alike to the need of uniting to defend themselves. Wilson, who was arrested previously when a group of the Unemployed Council turned on light connections at a worker's home, is out on \$400 bail, pending an appeal of a 90-day sentence, imposed in an effort to stop his campaign activities.

This action followed the barring of school halls to the working class by the Board of Education, although a Socialist Party speaker was readily given permission to use an auditorium.

## Young Worker Wins in Self Defense Case

LOS ANGELES, March 16.—Harry Gross, the young worker who was arrested at Whittier and Arizona streets at an election campaign meeting at the instigation of a woman who came with the express intention of provoking the speaker, was acquitted by a jury after 25 minutes of deliberation. This young worker defended himself and made the prosecuting witness admit that she was the one who had created the disturbance and not Gross—that the charges of "disorderly conduct and creating a disturbance" were unfounded. The woman, Mrs. Stephens, admitted that the workers were attentive to the speaker and it was not till she shouted "Boo—why don't you go back where you came from—Boo, boo, go back to Russia!" that a disturbance was created.

The court room was filled with workers who heard Gross bring out the conditions of the Los Angeles workers and the role of the capitalist class in the present crisis. Legionnaires who had come to see a conviction went away disgusted when they saw how utter the frame-up was exposed, through their chief witness, Mrs. Stephens, who is friendly with the police officials and politicians of Belvedere.

Farm Leaguer: "Say, Cy, I just found out what a rube is." Second U. F. L.: "Yeah? What?" Well, it's one of them bankers who thinks the farmers are going to raise stuff for him to live on, after being kicked off his farm."

## FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

### Socialist Restate Loyalty to "Fatherland"

BERLIN, Germany, March 24.—Completely nullifying the Weimar Constitution, the Hitler dictatorship was inaugurated, and already thousands, chiefly Communists, have been murdered and jailed. Hitler again reiterated that his main program is to exterminate Communism.

When the Reichstag opened, its function was limited to merely giving Hitler a four-year term for dictatorship. The Communists were openly threatened with arrest, many of the Reichstag Communist leaders have already been jailed. Only some of the Socialist representatives present voted against the proposal, but at the same time boasted of their loyalty to the fatherland for the past 14 years.

The reign of terror instituted against the Jews is in line with the old Czarist pogrom policy to detract the workers and peasants from the class character of the struggle. Thousands of Jews are fleeing to the countries bordering Germany.

There is open talk of taking the next step, the restoration of the monarchy.

### Dutch Reds Fight Fascism

AMSTERDAM, Holland, March 25.—The German Embassy here ran up the Fascist Swastika flag, and the police had great difficulty dispersing a large mass of workers under the leadership of the Communists, who wanted to remove it.

In the afternoon when a German resident hung out a Nazi flag police compelled its removal for fear of a further demonstration.

### U. S. S. R. Improves Trade Balance

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., March 24.—The Soviet Union has reduced its unfavorable trade balance for the past year, to less than half of the amount during the previous year.

This was accomplished chiefly as a result of the many industries now supplying the country with many products formerly imported. Imports in 1932 amounted to 2,300,000 tons costing 698,693,000 rubles, in comparison to 3,563,000 tons costing 1,165,034,000 rubles in 1931.

Exports were 17,457,000 tons for which 563,884,000 rubles were received, against 21,779,000 at 811,210,000 rubles.

### European Antagonisms Grow

PARIS, March 25.—According to the attitude expressed by the most influential bourgeois French newspapers, there is little favor here for the MacDonald-Mussolini "peace plan." It is considered a violation of the Versailles treaty which favored France most, and rather a basis for further war.

MacDonald's basis provides for about doubling the armies of Germany, Austria, Hungary and Bulgaria, now virtually England's allies, with very small reductions for Italy and Czechoslovakia, but a big cut for the armies of France, Yugoslavia, Roumania, Poland, France's allies.

Also it is proposed to free Germany from the naval clauses of the Versailles treaty. The differences being expressed around the proposal show the sharpening relationships between the two groups of imperialist powers.

This likewise shows the connection with the establishment of the Hitler Dictatorship for mobilizing Germany's forces for war.

### Columbia Marches on Leticia

REO DE JANEIRO, Brazil.—Ten thousand Colombians are now mobilizing for land operations in the Leticia sector. The League report aimed against Peru is taken as a basis for a wild war hysteria in Colombia and a demand that an immediate attack begin.

### Japan Refuses to Give Up Islands

GENEVA, Switzerland, March 24.—In view of Japan's leaving the League of Nations, Germany expects that her former colonies the Marshall, Caroline, Pelew and Marian Islands, in the south Pacific, placed under Japan's mandate will be subject to a decision in the international tribunal. But Japan stated that she intends to retain the islands despite withdrawal.

## L. A., LONG BEACH BUILDING GRAFT WHITEWASH ON

Test of Materials Used By Contractors Proves Corruption

LOS ANGELES, March 21.—A grand jury investigation into the construction of schools damaged by the earthquakes here, and in Long Beach a coroner's inquiry for the same purpose, got under way today. In Los Angeles 38 schools were still found too badly damaged to be reopened for some time, if at all. No schools in Compton, Norwalk and Long Beach can be opened.

The inquiry has been forced by a wave of public indignation at the glaring graft in construction of public buildings exposed by schools and libraries caving in while commercial buildings alongside them readily withstood the earthquakes. Details of constructions, names of contractors and of building inspectors who declared the structures safe are promised to be brought into the inquiries. Tests already made have revealed that the mortar used in the brick walls was deficient in cement, for the sake of greater profits.

The hedging, desperately anxious manner in which the "investigation" is being carried on indicates it will be the usual whitewash, with all the blame put upon a few chosen goats. The inquiries will serve to appease public indignation, and minimize the earthquake for the sake of the real estate market. At the same time it helps get contributions from state and national treasuries. The hush-up campaign is further evident in the reports of numbers of dead being removed from fallen buildings are not made public.

## COLORADO HEARING ON CONDITIONS OF JOBLESS CONTINUES

DENVER, Colo.—The Legislative Committee established by the Legislature to investigate the charges of the United Front Conference held an all day session on Saturday.

On Saturday, 100 witnesses were on hand, and beginning at 9 a. m., and lasting until 4 p. m., they took the stand in a steady stream to substantiate the charges of forced labor, starvation, inadequate relief, shut off water, light and gas, of medical attention denied, etc.

Representatives of the Hodcarriers Union testified to hauling gravel bought for by the R. F. C. and the labor paid for in R. F. C. grocery orders. This gravel and work being used for laying private sidewalks and driveways of politicians and city officials.

Representatives of the Carpenters Union exposed the activities of the South Side Civic Association as a rat agency, providing labor for corporations for grocery orders.

The workers demanded that subpoenas be issued by the committee to compel the heads of the R. F. C. and Community Chest to appear before the committee to be subjected to questioning by the workers. This the committee promised to do "at a later meeting when the workers case is in."

## 400 HEAR OFFICIALS OF BAKERSFIELD EXPOSED

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., March 29.—There were about four hundred workers present to the meeting called on Saturday, under the auspices of the Unemployed Council at the court house steps.

The meeting was called to expose the stealing of funds from the Welfare department. Despite the threats that the meeting will be broken up, the meeting was a great success.

It was announced that in the near future a trial of the councilmen and the city attorney and a Supervisor will take place in a hall, on the charge of stealing \$31,000 from the Welfare department, and the city treasury.

Comrade Henry Loeb spoke on the Mooney case.

Last Monday Comrade Windy Waltman, addressed a meeting of 300 at the court house steps exposing the starvation policy of the Supervisors. He had at first attempted to speak before the County Supervisors and the packed chamber, but was stopped.

A petition including 1500 names of workers calling for the removal of Mrs. Frost, hated head of the county welfare, was presented. The Unemployed Council here has already grown to 175 members and going strong.

## PROCEEDINGS FOR INJUNCTION AGAINST L. A. "RED SQUAD"

To Restrain Hynes From Interfering in Workers Election Activities

LOS ANGELES, March 23.—Injunction proceedings have been started against Mayor Porter, the Police Commission and Capt. Hynes of the "Red Squad," by Lawrence Ross, workers' candidate for Mayor, and Leo Gallagher, candidate for Municipal Judge, office No. 10, to restrain the "Red Squad" from interfering with the election campaign Ratification Banquet scheduled for March 31, at 2706 Brooklyn avenue.

Principal speakers at the Ratification Banquet will be Sam Darcy, District Organizer of the Communist Party, Gallagher and Ross.

On March 11 the "Red Squad" broke up a banquet at which Gallagher and Ross were scheduled to speak in furtherance of their campaign.

In an attempt to disrupt the injunction proceedings, Hynes and his "Red Squad" have now raided the election campaign headquarters, Room 419, 224 South Spring street. All the workers in the office except Comrade Ida Rothstein were ordered out. Old numbers of the Daily and Western Workers and blank forms and leaflets were confiscated.

In addition to Gallagher and Ross, the workers' candidates who have qualified for the primary election, May 2, are Ezra F. Chase, for City Councilman, 8th District; Virgil Rhetta and Ethel Dell, for members of the Board of Education.

## Gladhanders Talk But Do Nothing

SAN BERNARDINO, March 24.—Ormonde Seccombe, candidate for mayor of the Seccombe, Catlick clique, uses all the tricks of a good capitalist politician. He is a smiling handshaker, pretends liberality, calls himself a friend of the workers, and mixes with the Mexicans, one of the most oppressed sections of the working class here.

In this campaign he promises everything—except a real plan to help the unemployed and part time workers. His attitude to the workers was shown by the Meadowbrook Park attack. He has voted solid with the rest of the city council in refusing the demand of the Unemployed Council for an investigation.

Cullen Messer is another of these gladhanding, empty-promise candidates for mayor. But struggles for relief, and the aid of those two powerful weapons, the Daily and the Western Worker, read and passed from hand to hand, have made more and more workers realize they must depend on themselves and their own candidates for relief. Neither Seccombe nor Messer will produce any deeds to back up their election promises.

## Gilbert Hunger Plan to Continue With Re-election

SAN BERNARDINO, March 24.—Mayor I. N. Gilbert has plastered his picture all over the phone poles, figuring maybe his beautiful phiz will make the workers forget the empty stomachs of their families. That this is against the law means nothing to Bill Baldwin, Gilbert-appointed Chief of Police. There is no question in the minds of workers of the guilt of both Gilbert and Baldwin in the Meadowbrook Park attack on a workers meeting for relief, and they realize that no improvement of their intolerable conditions will come from the boss tools now in office.

## Braman Hardheaded Enemy of Workers

SAN BERNARDINO, March 24.—Wm. Braman, Orange Belt News candidate for mayor, says he is a business man, not a politician. In the News yesterday he said: "I did not seek this office, but friends of mine, some good, hardheaded business men . . . wanted me to." And these good, hardheaded business men will give no help to workers who want a decent living through cash relief and unemployment insurance. These men want a continuation of the present starvation "relief," which Braman backs. Vote Working class April 10!

## 300 Farmers Stop Mortgage Sale

DEL NORTE, Colo., March 29.—When 300 farmers came to a farm mortgage sale with a rope the sheriff did not sell the farm.

The sheriff appealed to the judge who explained to the crowd that the sheriff was only doing his lawful duty by selling the farm the crowd showed the judge the ropes and laughed at him. It was finally decided that the farm would not be sold.





## TODAY'S DEFINITION:

A BANKER is a man who is always eager to lay down your life for his country.

Comrade X having gone to his first movie in months, came banging into the office. "They had a film on, submarine life of the fishes," he said. "And the lad who talked with the picture says, 'Those of you who are worried about paying rent, etc., can now forget your cares watching this educational epic.'"

And the first thing he shows us is a picture of a shark's jaws.

"After that he showed a small fish being gobbled up by a big fat turtle. And along comes an octopus with legs seeking in all directions and gobbles up Mr. Individual Turtle. Was I reminded of the banking situation?"

## USELESS INFORMATION:

The price of a Rolls-Royce has just been reduced to \$16,000.

In Fresno the Soviet movie "Five-Year Plan" showed during the bank shut offs to the largest attendance of the year. The manager can't figure whether it was in spite of or because.

## BRIGHT SAYINGS OF

## CHILDREN:

"My sole concern is to get Mr. Mooney out. I wish the case could be let alone."

—Geo. Bernard Shaw.

"I read Marx 14 years before Lenin. I was a Communist before Lenin and a more extreme one," says Shaw, perhaps as proof of the photos which show his feet are larger than his head. But like fortunately few other self-styled Communists he was extremely careful not to get away from the ladies in the parlor.

## "Are you still a Socialist?"

"Not any more," replied Mrs. Espee. "As a method of politely quarreling with friends, socialism has been superseded by contract bridge."

"Don't cry, please," said a banker, patting the shoulder of a farmer he had just foreclosed.

"I'm not crying for myself," said the farmer. "I'm crying when I think of you bankers going into the farming business."

After seeing the Scripps-Howard Frisco sheet state only 250 were in the Free Mooney parade of ten thousand last Sunday, many workers see one of the characteristics of the revolutionary press is the revolutionary idea of telling the truth—particularly about demonstration figures.

"The antiquities in the Vatican are the finest in the world," says a Frisco paper. Do you suppose they include the Pope, whose proclamations exude that antique smell of decaying capitalism?

## Two Expelled Stools



On left, young Negro called Wesley; on right, Neal Trevelan.

Neal Trevelan, about 30 years old, joined the Communist Party about the middle of April, 1932, in Long Beach, just after the close of the Long Beach trial. On February 18th, faced by a committee of Party members and charged with being a stool pigeon, Trevelan at first denied it, but finally confessed. He was expelled from the Party.

It was during Trevelan's period of membership in the Party that comrades' houses were raided, comrades' cars stopped and leaflets confiscated, and the Klan raid, with police connivance, made on the Miller home. Trevelan always showed a willingness for Party work and an eagerness for new assignments. Finally a series of suspicious circumstances occurred which directed suspicion against him. A close checking followed, and enough evidence accumulated to force a confession.

Neal Trevelan is American, is 5 feet 11 inches tall, and weighs about 165 pounds. His complexion is sallow, hair dark, eyes dark brown, face thin. He is an ex-prize fighter, with slightly flattened nose.

The Los Angeles section committee warns all comrades to be on the lookout for this rat, and expose him wherever he appears.

## WOLLENBERG'S "BANK BOOK" RELIEF CUT SCHEME FALLS FLAT

1700 Alleged Bank Book Holders Already Become 179

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—In a desperate effort to check the militancy of those working for groceries in San Francisco, Wollenberg devised a new scheme for cutting relief in the "sensational expose" that 1700 recipients of relief have been discovered with bank books.

Wide publicity was given to an alleged case of one who has \$22,000 in the bank, to give an impression that the 1700 are of a similar character. On the second day however it was announced that out of the 14,000 cases investigated only 179 could be produced with bank accounts above the \$100 allowed by the charities.

This move comes at a moment when the fight of workers on charity jobs through the Charity Workers' Protective Union is assuming greater proportions than ever, and a stoppage on relief jobs is planned on April 10.

The "discovery" of those with large bank books is fast being turned into a boomerang for Wollenberg, as this undoubtedly can be traced to racketeering in his administration. The fact is that as one unemployed worker expressed it, "a family has to split blood before these racketeers believe you are starved." Thorough investigations and surprise visits by the "friendly visitors" are made very frequently.

Very few cases are actually being brought to a show down in court as it is feared too much investigation will turn the tables on the Associated Charity racket.

The I. L. D. will defend all attempts to cut workers off relief.

Workers families will be taken to the charities by large committees, despite intimidation.

## S. F. Charity Strike

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200 members of the Charity Workers' Protective Union marched out of the chamber and staged a protest demonstration in the Civic Center. More than 400 attended the demonstration, thirty new members were signed up, and speeches by Feingold, Rice, Herndon, Mrs. Mion, Baker and Garner roused great enthusiasm.

This was the second time the charity workers had been refused an answer. On March 13 the Supervisors spent the day debating the "red" tendencies of the Homeless Youth, while the charity workers delegation waited.

On March 20, the delegation was denied the floor. Supervisor Hayden then ruled that the demands of the Homeless Youth be denied consideration on the ground of a non-residence status, and called for "new business," thus evidently lumping the demands of the Homeless Youth with those of the Charity Workers' Protective Union.

When Garner asked if this meant the charity workers were not to have the floor, Hayden called upon the police to eject Garner. Victor Baker, secretary of the union, then announced the mass meeting in the Civic Center and the workers filed out.

## Mother Mooney At Symposium For Son Given By Children

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—A determination to carry the fight to free Tom Mooney into the schools and the child life of California was emphasized by a group of Young Pioneers at a reception to Mother Mooney at the Fillmore Workers Center Friday night. More than 600 workers attending greeted Mother Mooney with rousing cheers. An interesting program by the children was supplemented by a symposium on Tom Mooney.

## Look Out For Him

A young Negro worker using the name of Wesley, who claims to be in contact with the Y. C. L. in New York, was attending meetings and affairs of organizations here in San Francisco. He is the same Wesley who in New York last winter, represented himself as a contact of the Y. C. L. in Chicago. He was living at the 135th Street Police Station with a Negro policeman there. Comrades of the Harlem Y. C. L. know him and are well acquainted with his activities. He is the same Wesley who caused the arrest of the Harlem Y. C. L. organizer who received a sentence of six months. He was heard to say he is headed for St. Louis, Missouri.

Description: Tall, 6 feet, light complexion, soft-spoken, dressed in jeans, and leather swede-jacket, wears cap and plays revolutionary songs on the piano.

—District Disciplinary Com.

## COMRADE ADAMS TOURS TO SPUR WESTERN WORKER SUB DRIVE

Will Go Through Northwest and Rocky Mountain Region; Mass Meetings, Home Meetings, Contacts For Subs, Should Be Prepared By Local Comrades

Calling into use the best possible weapon in the election campaign for its three Workers candidates, SAN BERNARDINO HAS ORDERED A SPECIAL EDITION OF THE WESTERN WORKER AND A PUNDEL ORDER OF 5000. This way they will get a paper into the hands of every worker in town and strengthen their struggle for cash relief and unemployment insurance.

MORE POWER TO SAN BERDOO! HERE'S ONE GROUP OF WORKERS WHO KNOW HOW TO USE THEIR PAPER!

## AL ADAMS' TOUR

To help the comrades in other towns to get better results in the subscription drive and learn how to

use the WESTERN WORKER to their advantage to build up their movement locally, Comrade Al Adams is on tour throughout Northern California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming and Colorado.

The schedule gives ample time for all towns to take full advantage of the tour for building up their Western Worker apparatus. Mass meetings where possible, or home meetings of workers, should be arranged to hear Comrade Adams speak on "The Workers Press vs. The Capitalist Press." All interested in Workers Correspondence should be gotten together so Comrade Adams can explain this work to them. The schedule follows:

March	30	Ukiah, Calif.	7-8
	31	Ft. Bragg	10-14
April	1	Rock Springs, Wyo.	16
	2	Cheyenne, Wyo.	18
	3	Denver, Colo.	20-25
	4	Colorado Springs	27
	5	Pueblo, Colo.	29
	6	Trinidad, Colo.	31
	7	All arrangements made should be sent immediately to the Western Worker so we can feature them.	
	8	SACRAMENTO ROTTEN	
	9	Sacramento gives an example of how they expect to build the Western Worker. They CUT their bundle by 50. And so far they have turned in 11 subs. Examples of this sort go a long way to help the Western Worker—die!	
	10	Eureka (vicinity)	1, 2, 3
	11	Klamath Falls, Ore.	6
	12	Bend, Ore.	7
	13	Eugene, Ore.	8
	14	Salem, Ore.	9
	15	Portland, Ore. (vicinity)	10-13
	16	Astoria, Ore.	14-15
	17	Aberdeen, Wash.	16
	18	Olympia, Wash.	17
	19	Tacoma, Wash.	18-19
	20	Seattle (and vicinity)	20-26
	21	Spokane, Wash.	28-29
	22	Coeur D'Alene, Idaho	30
	23	Boise, Idaho	2
	24	Buhl, Idaho	4
	25	Pocatello, Idaho	6

## WORKERS JURY OF 200 FINDS 5 GUILTY OF RACE PREJUDICE

Two Are Members of the Communist Party And Expelled; Kept Negroes Out of Affair

OAKLAND, March 23.—Five workers were convicted of white chauvinism last night at a mass trial conducted by the Communist Party and the South Slav Workers' Club in Fraternity Hall before 200 Negro and white jurors.

Two members of the Communist Party, Boskovich and Roglich, were found guilty by judges and jury of yielding to the ideology of "white superiority" in falling to intercede energetically when Negroes were barred from a social affair of the South Slav Workers' Club, on Feb. 18. They were ordered expelled from the Communist Party. They may apply for readmission after three months, provided each has obtained two Negroes to join the Party.

The three non-Party members of the club were recommended for expulsion for two months.

The five accused were defended by J. E. Carter, a Negro ex-serviceman. Charles Gordon, Section Organizer of the Communist Party, acted as prosecutor, and the judges were Comrades Hardy, Studavant and White, the last a Negro worker.

Boskovich, in pleading guilty, said: "It would be much easier for me to stand before a capitalist court, charged with an act against capitalism, than to face a workers court, charged with an act against the interests of the working class, to which I must plead guilty."

Boskovich was a candidate for Councilman from District No. 2.

The election laws do not allow withdrawal after March 18, but the Party announces it withdraws all support from Boskovich and is sending official notice to all workers' organizations in the East Bay.

Comrade Gordon, as prosecutor, pointed out that the Negroes were barred on the ground that it would mean more money for the club. He declared such an attitude inexcusable. He said the workers' struggle for full social and political equality is of first importance and declared no compromise could be tolerated.

The bosses have built up race prejudice, he said, and the workers must tear it down. And the workers cannot tear it down so long as they do not drive it out of their own ranks with a relentless struggle against just such incidents as the one that brought on this trial.

Dr. Nelson, a Negro physician, was introduced after the trial and said: "I sympathize with most of the principles for which the Communist Party stands." Arthur J. Williams, associate editor of "The Spokesman," Negro newspaper, also declared his sympathy with the Party in its fight for "basic readjustments."

## Y. C. L. MEMBER EXPELLED FOR RACE PREJUDICE

Race prejudice in Young Communist League ranks was dealt a heavy blow last week when Jack Robinson, a member of Unit No. 2, San Francisco, was convicted of white chauvinism by a jury of more than 150 young Negro and white workers and was expelled from the unit.

At a mass open trial the member was tried on charges of referring to Negroes as inferior people at a recent young workers' dance. Thru a motion adopted by a large majority of the jury he was sentenced to not be readmitted to the unit until he can show that he has wiped out all traces of chauvinism in his actions. A condition of his reinstatement is that during his expulsion he must fight against white chauvinism and recruit young Negro workers into the unit.

The jury was drawn from the ranks of San Francisco workers

## MINOR EXPOSES MOONEY FRAME-UP

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of P. H. McCarty, the leading light of the Building Trades of San Francisco? And Mr. McCarty's oily promises to help to save a "brother unionist from the gallows!" Mr. McCarty was recently exposed as taking a ten thousand dollar bribe from the P. G. & E., whose detective framed up Tom Mooney.

Michael Casey of the Teamsters Union. How I recall Mike when I went to ask that the gallows not be allowed to take the finest of the labor leaders in San Francisco, and how Casey squirmed and lied and finally admitted that he was a part of the scheme to hang Tom Mooney and would not help to free him. After the witnesses against Tom Mooney had one after the other admitted that they had lied in the testimony, these labor union leaders, these officials, these \$10,000 bribe takers and associates began a whispering campaign. "If Tom Mooney didn't precisely do it, he just about did it and he is no good." And we answer, "Tom Mooney is no good for the P. G. & E. He is good for us!"

## WRITES TO GOMPERS, WOLL

It became my duty to write to Samuel Gompers, to Matthew Woll and other leaders of the American Federation of Labor. Everywhere I found the oligarchy of the labor bureaucracy thirsting for the blood of Tom Mooney. And why? Because Tom Mooney had violated a filthy, secret agreement between the leaders of the trade unions and the bosses of industry in San Francisco. Mr. Pickett, Mr. Sharrenberg, Mr. O'Connell and Jim Mullen had agreed that the United Railroad platform men should continue to be the unorganized slaves of the United Railroads, at the same time giving out the impression that the union was permitted to organize. They said, "Thumbs down on Tom Mooney." When the movement for Tom's freedom became so strong that they had to make a pretense of changing their tactics, said to a young woman he did not consider of the kind who would betray his government, "We have simply been forced to take the stand that we have taken, that is, the pretense of being for Tom Mooney." In the meantime, these labor leaders have gone to the Governor one by one and said, "Put Tom Mooney away for life." The way these men have double-crossed those stalwart fighters for the working class, Matt Schmidt and J. B. McNamara, is proof of their scoundrelry. The way they betrayed Sacco-Vanzetti, the way they betrayed the Centralia prisoners, is proof that they earn their pay from the fleishhackers of San Francisco.

## SHARRENBERG PART OF FRAME-UP

When first I came to San Francisco to work to free Tom Mooney, I visited Paul Sharrenberg, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, editor of the Seamen's Journal. Mr. Sharrenberg said to me, "I will come forward at the proper time." Now it is established that Sharrenberg at that time and all times since has been deliberately, without a qualm of conscience, making himself a part of the frame-up in the beginning and a part of the galaxy of the jailors of Mooney since he went to prison. As soon as Governor Young had got through refusing to release Mooney and Billings, these labor leaders of California formed a Governor Young-Union Labor Committee.

Mr. O'Connell, oh, how I remember Mr. O'Connell of the San Francisco Labor Council. Mr. O'Connell working in the office of Charles M. Fickert as a Bond and Warrent Clerk, secretly in alliance with Frederick Koster, President of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. O'Connell, Mr. Sharrenberg! A labor movement lead by fleishhacker, the big banker and boss of finance in San Francisco.

How I recall going to the office

and to the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party asking their support, and the National Executive Committee refused. Only Debs came forward out of the whole leadership of the Socialist Party. Debs, Max Bedacht, J. E. Snyder and John Reed did not heed the decision of their Executive Committee and came to the defense of Tom Mooney.

Some of the old members of the Socialist Party who are here today and who stayed with us in the fight for Tom Mooney will remember a certain Lillian Bishop Symes. We discovered that this woman had written to all leading lights of the Socialist Party to tell them in effect, "Don't support Tom Mooney's case. Tom Mooney is an anarchist. Tom Mooney is probably guilty." This was not the attitude of the Socialist Party but of that top bureaucracy which has been stifling and misleading the members of that party. For example, I have seen a letter just recently written by Julius Gerber, one of the officials of the Executive Committee of the Socialist Party telling all of the locals of the Socialist Party, "You must not have anything to do with the so-called United Front for Tom Mooney." At the same time "The New Leader," the official organ of the Socialist Party, was telling the members of that party that the Party was supporting the United Front for Tom Mooney. There is an alliance, there is a corrupt relationship between the bureaucracy of the Socialist Party and those \$10,000 fat boys of the trade unions.

The misleaders are saying to you, "We must ask for a parole." Why? Because they want Mooney to come out of jail under police discipline so that he cannot move out of the county without permission of the police, so that he cannot enter trade union halls, so that he cannot speak at a public meeting. That is what they say should be done for Tom Mooney. But what do WE say should be done? We come forward to call to the working class to go out and fight for Tom Mooney. We have to say as Tom Mooney says that all of the fights of the working class, against wage-cuts, against starvation, are bound up with the struggle to save Tom Mooney from a living death.

On the last day of April, the 30th, will open the great Free Tom Mooney Congress in Chicago. The labor skates are trying to tamper with the program. The call of Tom Mooney fixes the program for me. All problems of the working class must be part of the Mooney Congress—the fight against wage-cuts, the fight for unemployment relief, without which our children die on the streets. Any labor Congress that represents the workers, and not the fat boys, will crystallize a gigantic movement, a movement of

labor against capital in every trade union, in every work shop. It must include the organization of a campaign for the freedom of the Scottsboro boys. There is a belief that the trade unions in electing delegates will not be able to pay their expenses. Let me say to you: Go to your trade unions; tell them to elect their delegates. If they can't pay their expenses, get out on the streets, get the money, hitch-hike to Chicago at whatever cost.

Tom Mooney was saved from being hanged by international action. Tom Mooney was saved from the gallows by the fact that across the ocean, in the midst of war, the working class of a city called Petrograd went to the American Embassy and they said that Tom Mooney must not hang. President Wilson was compelled to interfere to save Tom Mooney from immediate execution. Today we find that the German working class is in a condition of great oppression and suffering. Five thousand German workers, the cream of the leadership of the trade unions in the labor movement, Communists, Social Democrats and Non-Party workers, are in prison today. They are being threatened with death at the hands of the bloody leader, Adolf Hitler. I suggest that we send a telegram to Ernest Thaelman, leader of the workers, and secretary of the Communist Party in Germany (Reads telegram).

I will now close with my last word: This—the world movement is rising for the working class. Believe none of the papers that tell us that the German working class is crushed. Believe me, the German workers have held their lines in spite of this bloody repression. The American workers also will hold their lines. The American workers can get Tom Mooney out if we fight to get him out. And if we win we will put milk in the mouths of every working class child, bread in the bread-box of every working class family. In Chicago by struggle we have compelled the bankers out of their bankrupt state treasuries to find and produce eight million dollars to pay out in cash relief to the unemployed. We did that by struggle and we did it with the aid of the name of Tom Mooney. And we say to the workers here in San Francisco, fight, not only for our martyr Mooney but for your children's sake, for your brothers' sake. Work hard; arouse the masses. Long live that courageous, that splendid leader of the working class, that glorious fighter, Tom Mooney. Let him come out of prison, and let him, although he has passed his 50th year behind the Bastille, nevertheless let us say that Tom Mooney must and shall be with the working class at the head of its columns when you march to your final victory against the capitalist dictatorship.

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## WHERE TO GO

## Workers School FORUM

8 p. m. 37 Grove St.  
April 2—Red China, Japan and the U. S. A.—E. Kirby.  
April 9—Stool Pigeons and Their Methods.—L. Todd.  
April 16—Roosevelt's Forced Labor Camps—James Branch.

COMRADES! Get tickets for Louis Fischer lecture, "Why Recognize Russia?" Monday, April 10, Scottish Rite Auditorium, from Friends of Soviet Union, 1179 Market St., Rm. 201.

FREE LECTURE AND SOVIET POSTER EXHIBIT ON CHILD LIFE IN SOVIET UNION, at 1223 Fillmore St., Fri. and Sat., Mar. 31, and Apr. 1. More than 100 posters showing life in schools, nurseries, kindergartens, clubs, factories, farms Friday night, J. E. Snyder, who lived in U. S. S. R., will lecture April, FREE.

COME PLAY HOOKEY AT THE WORKERS SCHOOL'S BIG PARTY—Fri., April 7, 8 p. m., vodelville! Games! Dancing! Such as you never saw before! Adm. 25c, Unemp. Council cards 10c.

INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER, Br. 119, will open a children school in Jewish beginning Mar. 15. Register at 1223 Fillmore St. A DANCE and PROGRAM to help finance the classes will be held Sat., April 8, at 1223 Fillmore.

ALL RUSSIAN SHOW AND DANCE—Russian String Orchestra, Saturday, April 1st, 9:00 p. m., Equality Hall, 141 Albion St. Russian Eats. Admission 25c. Ausp. Russian Workers Cultural Society.

SEE THE PLAY "THE NEW DEAL!" DANCE to a fine 6-piece orchestra. Entertainment galore, Sunday, Apr. 2, beginning 8 p. m. Virginia baked ham and sweet potatoes for two bits. Adm. 25c, 530 Valencia st.

who were summoned by a Y. C. L. leaflet to try this case of poisonous race prejudice spreading among young workers for the single purpose of weakening their evolutionary solidarity. With a Filipino comrade as judge, the trial was conducted by a young Negro worker as defense attorney and a white Y. C. L. member as prosecutor. Over 40 Negro workers were included in the jury.

## Mooney Gets New Trial

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Judge Ward and Brady have already taken care to indicate that an acquittal as a result of this trial will not effect Mooney's imprisonment on the first charge, but they fail to explain how his imprisonment can continue since the charge is the same as the one for which he was found guilty. There were 10 killed, and the prosecution was on the basis of each one separately, eight were dismissed after the conviction and one remained.

The judge already indicated that many obstacles will be placed in the way of the defense to bring witnesses that appeared in the former trial.

This makes necessary more than ever an increased mass backing to the legal defense from all workers organizations, as all the framers are now joining devising schemes and technicalities to prevent a real trial.

Gallagher has already announced that he has subpoenaed 106 individuals including everyone that had any relation to the case, and of course many of the highest government officials.

The attorney for Mooney was Leo Gallagher, fighting lawyer of the International Labor Defense. The appeal for a new trial charged clearly that Mooney was framed, stating that the indictment—

"Resulted in Mooney being framed to hang by the then district attorney of San Francisco, aided by certain of his assistants, with the cooperation of members of the police department, and of certain California public utilities, acting through their agent, Martin Swanson."

## Agricultural Union Calls For Action

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which they get 32c. They compel the workers to start at 6 a. m. and stay on the field until dark, although giving only a few hours actual work.

The following are the demands issued by the union:

1. Thirty-two cents per basket if crop is good.
2. Basket rate to scale higher if crop is poor.
3. Thirty-five cents per hour, if you work on time basis.

The membership of the union who are leaving for the field are called upon to organize the other workers, recruit them into the union, and prepare for quick action. Report all possibilities for organization to the district office at San Jose.

## 2c a Crate For Spinach

SANTA CLARA, March 20.—One hundred and fifty started to pick spinach on one of the ranches on Santa Clara road. The workers are getting the miserable rate of 2c per crate. Since there are only three horses to do all the cutting, each gets about 20 minutes actual work out of every hour.

Recently a group of 20 workers walked off the job. But the Agricultural Union calls upon the workers to organize a strike and not merely walk off.

At another ranch in the Santa Clara Valley, 150 Filipino workers, mostly members of the Agricultural Workers Union, refuse the 2c rate offered.

very strenuously to the ruling of Judge Ward and in the statement he issued refuses to prosecute the case, leaving to the attorney general the choice of a prosecutor. He claims that there are no grounds upon which to convict Mooney, and that in his opinion Mooney should be pardoned. But he was opposed to granting Mooney a new trial which would further bare the frame-up facts and strengthen Mooney's chances for a pardon. Even the chief framers, Fickert and Goff have admitted that there is no chance for another conviction.

## TENTH ANNUAL

## WORKERS PICNIC

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 1933

—AT—

## PENINSULA BEACH

BURLINGAME, CALIFORNIA

Swimming, Dancing, Games, Racing  
Baseball Game at 2 p. m.

REFRESHMENTS : : BARBEQUE  
ENTERTAINMENT

BEGINS AT 8 A. M.

Ticket in Advance 25c At the Gate 35c  
Unemployed with Card 5c

DIRECTIONS: Cars and Trucks will leave from 37 Grove St. between 8 and 11 a. m. Fare 10c. Must Make Reservations in Advance. Or take Car No. 40 at 5th and Market Sts., and get off on Howard Ave. at Burlingame.

Auspices: Workers' Picnic Committee



## Editorial Column

### ANOTHER MOONEY VICTORY! STRENGTHEN THE FIGHT

The granting of a new trial to Tom Mooney marks one of the greatest victories scored by the American workers during the past decade. It is another example to prove the correctness of the policy always advocated by the revolutionary movement, which counts on mass pressure as the chief weapon.

So glaring is this that even the worst skeptics, pessimists or enemies of Mooney cannot overlook the important role played by the development of the fight along militant lines, especially as expressed in the two recent giant Civic Auditorium meetings in San Francisco. The revolt of scores of A. F. of L. locals against the Judas role of their leadership is another very important factor.

But there should be no illusion that a new trial marks a final victory. Judge Ward and others in the government have already indicated that every effort will be made to prevent the trial from being a complete exposure of the frame-up through the barring of evidence that has already been presented in the previous trial. Difficulty in getting a prosecutor is also being used to stall the trial. Likewise an acquittal in this trial will not yet mean Mooney's freedom. The fight will only be made easier.

Now is the most crucial moment. Unless the greatest mass pressure is developed behind the legal defense, the best opportunity will slip from the hands of the workers to free Mooney, and deal a great blow to the capitalist offensive against the workers.

One of the major steps in this direction is the great Chicago Free Mooney Convention on April 30. This convention will be a great national united front, greater in scope than any previous move. The West coast should be represented through many delegates elected at large workers meetings and from organizations. There are only a few weeks left, and no time should be lost for this great caravan.

The United Front Conference, as in San Francisco, will continue until Mooney is freed, and no effort should be spared for getting every A. F. of L. local to affiliate.

#### DISRUPTORS AGAIN DEFEATED

The granting of a new trial also put the finishing touches to the defeat of that disrupting crew called the "Committee of Withdrawing Organizations." Not only have they failed in the effort to disorganize the work for the great mass meeting last week but their claim "that the Communists are spoiling everything" fell flat. It is most apparent to even a child that Communist United Front policy is what made success possible.

As a result of this clear demonstration in the correctness of Communist leadership, contempt for the A. F. of L. leaders, Socialist, Proletarian Party and renegade disruptors is expressed by thousands.

However, this is the time when Tom Mooney's framers are in need of their services as they never did before. Their role is to split the ranks of the workers, and to attack the Communists, the leaders in the fight for Mooney at a time when the final big push is necessary to deal the finishing blow.

In the same manner as in Germany, Socialists trade union reactionaries and renegades cleared the road for the Hitler dictatorship by disarming and splitting the workers, so here they are playing the same role in the case of Mooney.

To strengthen Mooney's defense, to broaden the United Front, they must be exposed most ruthlessly before the working masses, with this proof of their treacherous role.

**GET YOUR UNION INTO THE UNITED FRONT!  
SEND A LARGE DELEGATION TO CHICAGO!  
DEMAND THAT MOONEY BE FREED!**

### VOTE NO ON CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 1

On April 11 a special election will take place in San Francisco to approve a wage cut for all city employees ranging from 3% to 20%, and to authorize further wage cuts "if an emergency arises" up to 25%.

The usual demagogic arguments are being made, that taxpayers will be saved \$2,700,000 out of the next budget. Thus far approximately \$1,500,000 was "volunteered" from the salaries of the city employees, on the basis of a graduated tax, which went to relief. Faced with Rossi's proposition the city employees even offered to increase the amount to \$2,400,000, which shall go for relief.

But the Rossi administration is determined to give an example of "economy" at the expense of the jobless. Already steps, such as the "bank book expose," refusal to pay for lights and gas, confiscation of auto license tags of those that get relief, etc., are in line with the policy of making this "economy" possible.

The main wage cut is still to come. The catch is in the clause providing a further cut to 25%. That means that those cut between 3% and 10% will get the brunt, while those in the higher brackets will barely be effected, since they are already cut up to 20%.

The position of the Communist Party and the revolutionary organizations has already been made clear. No cuts on salaries below \$3000 per year, and all funds derived must go for CASH RELIEF.

**THEREFORE, VOTE NO ON AMENDMENT NO. 1.  
FIGHT ALL WAGE CUTS!**

#### Santa Barbara Young Worker Arrested

SANTA BARBARA, March 21.—Walter Beresini, young worker of Santa Barbara, on his way home, stopped at the "woodyard" to invite several of his friends to attend a social at the Workers' Center. While talking to these friends he was approached by the foreman of the yard, and told to "get the hell away," that "he didn't want any Communist bull peddled around there," and attacked him. The youth defended himself, and after being knocked down several times finally got a punch on the boss' nose. The fight ended and Beresini left.

This argument took place Thursday. Friday the police arrested Beresini on the street. At the preliminary hearing, Beresini was arraigned before Police Judge E. A. Rizzor, and charged with breach of peace. The youth pleaded "not guilty," and agreed to a court trial. Later the I. L. D. arranged for a trial by jury, set for March 23rd. Bonds of \$100 are being posted, through the I. L. D.

#### Unemployed Council of Fort Bragg Going Strong

FORT BRAGG, Calif., March 13.—The second meeting of the Unemployed Council was held today and there are 53 members now, with good prospects for a good organization.

The members are showing great enthusiasm and a grievance committee of seven was elected to see the city for a permit to furnish building for the council, and hold street meetings.

—THOMAS FISKE, Sec.

#### "New Deal" Hits Astoria Workers

ASTORIA, Ore., March 25.—As soon as Wall Street was through putting in a new president, we felt part of the "new deal" even out here in Astoria. All the single men who have been getting a few hours work now and then at Fort Astoria Quacks, were told to stay home from now on because they are going to hire married men.

—Dock Man.

### ROOSEVELT'S NEW DEAL IS ONLY ROLPH'S FORCED LABOR CAMPS



## What Roosevelt Would Have All Over U.S.

By GENE GORDON

Conditions in the six camps, Pluma, Gold Creek, Oakmont, Haines, Arroyo Seco and Charlton Flats, are generally similar. But in the details, there is some difference. In comparison with Oakmont camp, for instance, Pluma is an improved arrangement. In Oakmont camp, the men work six hours daily clearing brush, drilling holes, running Fresnoes and blasting. They are fed three meals daily, but on Sunday, the only food they get is served at 10 a. m. With the exception of Pluma camp, the men are constantly complaining about the food. Many of them are sick as a result of the low-quality foods and constipation is a chronic condition among the men. The hospital nurse feeds them with pills as a remedy. The "hospital" itself is simply a tent.

In Oakmont camp the undrained toilets are only about 20 feet from the tents which is a direct violation of the state sanitation law. Another drastic violation of the law is the erection of tents on dirt floors which is conducive to colds and disease. There is no hot water for the showers or washing, and the shower itself has no roofing, exposing the men to colds and serious illness. The canvas cots on which the men sleep are conducive to arthritis. According to one of the workers who is exceptionally versed in medicine, in the last six months, at least five men have been brought into the county hospital suffering from arthritis resulting from improper diet and sleeping on these canvas cots; and the men died as a result.

#### DOCTOR ONCE A WEEK

A physician visits the camp once a week. At Oakmont, one of the young workers broke his foot. The doctor hastily examined the worker and said, "I think your foot is broken, but I will be back next week and examine it again." Suffering from pain, the young worker managed to be taken into the city and at the county hospital the injury was diagnosed as "a broken foot." It is evident from these facts that the county physicians provided

### More On the California Labor Camps As Told to the Western Worker Correspondent

for the camp are incompetent. The county warehouses are full of spring beds, but these are apportioned out only to the foremen's pets who act as stool-pigeons. A former hospital "nurse" in the camps states that his instructions were "to make the men come to you and do with them what you want." Most of the nurses at the camps know nothing about medicine. At Arroyo Seco camp, with its dirt floors, many of the men are suffering from rheumatism resulting from exposure.

A worker who was injured insisted upon going into Los Angeles for treatment, but the foreman refused him a permit to come in. The worker stood pat and came in with a permit. At the Tavern where the country camp laborers receive their rations while in the city, he waited all day before the doctor would attend him; and he received no meals at all. In another case, a worker with an ulcerated tooth was refused permission to come into Los Angeles to have his tooth pulled.

#### "HEALTH RESORT"

To conceal such facts, the county officials claim that the work and care provided for the men in the county labor camps "is good medical care for these indigents" who are advertised as being entered in the "health camps" under the provisions of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation at 8 hours of daily labor at 40¢ per hour, but not a single man in hundreds in the county labor camps knows of a single instance where anyone has actually received a cent of cash for their labor. At the inception of the camps, the men were told that on a basis of their work, men would be picked for work on the San Gabriel dam project, but after 15 months, not a single man has been selected for this cash work from the camps.

The county is also active in forcing

the men in the labor camps to sign "reimbursement" agreements which make them liable to future judgments and confiscation of any property they might obtain, or subject to wage garnishee. The "reimbursement" agreement is a subterfuge to frighten the men from demanding relief.

Many of the bosses in the labor camps are former convict bosses. "Dr." Rex, one of the camp physicians, was admitted by the state department not to be a California licensed physician. This "doctor" makes it his business to give camp visitors the impression that the men in the camps are a "bunch of nuts" whom the county officials out of the goodness of their hearts are tenderly nursing. The same impression is given out by the California Region Forest Service which in a letter in September, 1932, said about "the unemployment camp in Tujunga Canyon . . . consideration is given to the man's physical condition as to the number of hours he works and the class of work he does." This is an outright lie. Facts show that the policy which prevails in all the camps is "hit the ball or down the road." Dr. Rex when treating one patient whom he tried to force to work said, "send that bird down the road." The county physician who assigns men to the river-bottom workers tried to force an old man, 70 years of age, to do this kind of killing labor. One of the cooks who was hurt in camp was told by the physician "get downhill if you don't want to scrub."

#### CRIMINAL INDIFFERENCE OF COUNTY

The criminal indifference of the county authorities to the welfare of the men is shown in the fact that after the recent earthquake, although the Midnight Mission in Los Angeles was officially con-

demned, the men are still being housed there day and night.

The attitude of the county officials is shown when the men petitioned them for cash pay and improved conditions in the camps Monday, March 20. The Supervisors told the men they did not have to take care of them; that if the men wanted cash, they would pay them \$7 for 2½ days work in the month and then the men would have to shift for themselves without maintenance.

Supervisor Shaw of Los Angeles County on March 20 issued a statement that through Reconstruction Finance Corporation funds 65,000 men in Los Angeles County received cash for work, and specifically 15,000 obtained this aid through the Welfare department. In view of the fact that the county labor camps are under the Welfare department, it is important to consider the testimony of men in the labor camps on this matter. Not only have they received no pay, but evidence is available and will be presented, proving that the men in the camps have been signing payroll lists without receiving cash. It appears that the existence of signed payroll lists calls for a state and federal investigation of the situation without delay. Individual action of one of the men in the camps on this matter brought him an innumerable offer of a job from county officials. In the resolution adopted by the delegates of the county labor camps on March 19, 1933, and presented March 20 to the Supervisors, the exposure of the payroll signing was made.

The men in the camp strongly realize that they are suffering the lot of involuntary servitude in the camps. To them, the term "forced labor" is mild. They are listed as "cases" in the county records, and given numbers. While the convicts working on roads are given 50¢ cash daily, and better food and shelter, the "unfortunates" in the labor camps are regimented like slaves and forced to live in the camps for six months or a year without leave.

What excuse will the German "socialists" use now to keep the mass of workers from opposing Hitler's murder orgy?

A little over a year ago they told the masses to support Hindenburg for president, because he would defend their constitutional rights. Were it not for these fake socialists Hindenburg would undoubtedly have been defeated. There can now be no doubt that the social-democracy of Germany is responsible for the fact that the whole working class did not unite behind the candidacy of Ernst Thaelman, the Communist worker.

After Hindenburg was elected, the "socialist" party leaders, who thought more of their fat government jobs than they did of the interests of the masses, told the people not to hinder the Hindenburg government because although he

helped rob them of their unemployment insurance funds and carried through wage cuts, he would "protect the Weimar republican constitution" under which the "socialist" leaders held their fat jobs.

Many "socialist" party leaders were in the police departments and government secret service and well knew of the blood bath that Hitler and Hindenburg were preparing for the workers. Yet they played the bosses' game by urging the workers to passivity and silence so as "not to provoke" the Hindenburg government. Following that policy Zoerigbel, the "socialist" police chief of Berlin and his party cronies shot scores of workers who demonstrated against the hunger policy of the Hindenburg regime in May 1930, and on many other occasions. In fact when the Communist Party proposed a general strike against the accession of Hitler to power these "socialist" leaders called it a "provocation."

They misled millions of German workers with this talk. Instead of preparing for an effective counter-offensive against Hitler, the social democrats with smooth promises talk of "non-violence" led the masses like sheep to Hitler's slaughterhouse.

#### SUPPORT VIOLENCE ONLY AGAINST WORKERS

They believe in non-violence for the masses—but apparently have nothing to say against the violence of the bosses and their fascist agents against the masses. The Communist Party of Germany is again proposing to the "socialist" leaders to unite in militant action against the Hitler-Hindenburg regime. It is necessary for these betrayers to do something to retain some of the fast waning confidence of the masses. They may give some lip-service to a proposal for action. But the tie with their candidate, Hindenburg, is so strong it is doubtful whether they will even go so far. But should they speak some militant phrases, no one should be misled—they are the same betrayers and cannot be trusted. The rank and file of the Social-Democratic Party should join with the Communist Party for united revolutionary struggle—in such a unity lies a guarantee of the end of German capitalism. The duty of all militants lies in exposing the "socialist" leaders for what they are—the lackeys of the bosses within the working class. It is they who under the leadership of such enemies of "force and violence" as Ebert and Schiedeman drowned in blood the workers' revolutions immediately following the war. It is they who prepared the ground for the Centrist government of several years ago which saddled the Dawes-Young plans onto the necks of the German proletariat. It is they who then elected Hindenburg. It is they who divided and thereby paralyzed the masses to prevent struggle against the accession of Hitler to power.

Under the hypocritical pretence of opposing violence, the "socialist" leaders of Germany today stand responsible for their authorship of 14 years of murder and bloodshed

which began with Ebert's saving of capitalism in 1919 to Hitler's present regime of terror.

We workers in the West have much to learn from these events. Aren't the American blood-brothers of the Ebert-Schiedeman-Zoerigbel party in Germany already stuffing their ears with the same line of bull-murder? Haven't you read what the "socialist" party leader John D. Barry, in the S. F. News, wrote about not stirring up public sentiment to free Tom Mooney, but to depend upon the good-will of Rolph and the capitalist courts? And can't you still feel the wetness of the ink which reported the attack upon Tom Mooney by that unholty alliance of miserable capitalist running dogs—from O'Connell, that disgraceful parasite upon the A. F. of L. members, to Milen Dempster who turned to "socialist" party activity because he couldn't make the grade as a preacher. And all through the United States aren't the "socialist" leaders telling all who will listen to them to avoid any united fight with the Communists against hunger, capitalist terror and war because "Communists believe in force and violence"—the identical argument used by the German Social-Democrats.

As between Hitlerites (national socialists) and the Social-Democratic (social-fascist) leaders there is little difference except as to method—they both serve the same master. They both borrow the word "socialist" in order to mask their capitalist character. In the United States we can avoid the suffering which the German working class has endured these last 14 years by destroying the "socialist" party right now, at its beginning, by uniting with those honest rank and file workers who have blundered their way into the S. P. in common militant struggle irrespective of the will of their leaders against hunger, police terror, imperialist war and for the defense of the Soviet Union.

#### PARALLELED BY JEWISH RABBIS

The wretched crawling of the "socialist" leaders in Germany before the Hitler-Hindenburg regime is paralleled only by the action of the Jewish rabbis in Berlin. While thousands of their folk were being assaulted and slaughtered by Hitler's thugs, these sons of god, called upon the Jews not to defend themselves but to remain loyal to the government! The Council of Rabbis proclaimed:

"The true spirit of our religion is an answer to anyone who is unwilling to listen.

"Our history is ample proof of the spirit which lives within us. We know what the German fatherland means to us. Since time immemorial our religion has taught us loyalty to the state.

"We appeal to our brethren; do not lose your loyalty and faith; Preserve your pride and strength! Remain true to your fathers!"

Is it possible that anyone could stoop to such renegacy? We have little love for Christianity but may we recall to the pious rabbis what Jesus told their ancient predecessors in Jerusalem (Let the preachers who lead the "socialist" party listen in—they might recognize themselves):

Woe, unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites; for ye are like unto whited sepulchres (tombs of the dead), which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead man's bones and uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

The scribes and Pharisees sit in Moses' seat . . . but . . . they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.

But all their works they do to be seen of men; they make big their phylacteries (prayer equipment), and love the uppermost rooms at feasts in the synagogues and gatherings in the market, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi. Woe unto them! . . .

Germany, United States, or the world over—different actors but the same play. But the play need not have the same succession of acts and scenes—huge intelligent working class and poor farmers movement, learning from the German events can eliminate the acts where the betrayers triumph. But that can be done only by the road of militant struggle under the leadership of the Communist Party.

—S. A. D.

## International Events and Western Workers

### German Social Democrats Paved the Way For Hitler Dictatorship; Paralyze Masses, to Prevent Struggle Against Capitalist Violence; Beginning to Crawl Before Hitler Now; Find Parallel in Jewish Rabbis of Germany

## To All Active Members and Supporters of The Unemployed Councils

The Communist Party in District No. 13 (California, Nevada and Arizona) is today in the midst of an important campaign: a drive to win 1000 new members into the Communist Party and to secure 2000 new subscribers to the WESTERN WORKER, by May 1st.

In this letter we are appealing to you, active supporters of the Unemployed Councils. In the victorious California State Hunger March January 10, you saw the Communist Party in action. This Hunger March, organized under the leadership of the Communist Party, not only succeeded in battling all obstacles enroute to the state capitol, not only succeeded in presenting the demands of the unemployed and part-time workers and small farmers of California, but for the first time an Unemployment Insurance Bill, sponsored by the

Communist Party, has forced its way into the State Legislature (State Social Unemployment Insurance Bill, A. B. 1910).

In the numerous local relief struggles, the County Hunger Marches, the single migratory workers relief fight in Sacramento, the struggles of the Charity workers in San Francisco, the fight against fake "self-help" organizations throughout the West, during March 4th, the Communist Party has proved that it is the ONLY POLITICAL PARTY THAT HAS LIVED UP TO ITS ELECTION PROMISES! The Communists made no lying "prosperity promises." The Communists showed that workers can hope for nothing without a bitter struggle, and PROMISED TO LEAD THAT STRUGGLE!

But the Communist Party would never have been able to carry on the fight without the mass partici-

pation of thousands of sincere supporters of the Unemployed Councils. It is to these thousands that this message is directed: To you thousands who have fought side by side with the Party in the relief struggles.

Without the Communist Party, the victorious forward march of the Unemployed Councils would be stopped and crushed. Without the Communist Party, the most brutal terror and vilest conditions would be forced on the entire working class.

ANSWER THE ATTACKS BY BUILDING YOUR PARTY INTO A MASS PARTY! Become part of the leadership of the working class during the recruiting drive. For 1000 new members in the Party and 2000 new subscribers to the WESTERN WORKER by May 1st. Fill out blank below:

**COMMUNIST PARTY, U. S. A.,  
37 Grove Street,  
San Francisco, Calif.**

☐ I wish to join the Communist Party.

☐ I want more information about the Party.

Name .....  
Address .....  
City .....

them along in other parts of the country as well. It is certainly worth trying.

—HARRY I. COHEN.

EDITOR'S NOTE—We print the above because it raises a very important question. But it must be stated that Comrade Cohen does not tell us how the Denver comrades were able to get so much of a better response from the A. F. of L. union, which is after all what we are most interested in.

## Can We Penetrate the A. F. of L. Unions?

Can we penetrate the A. F. of L. unions? The columns of the Daily Worker have carried several articles about United Front groups in different cities of the country. Just before the National Hunger March, for instance, Chicago announced a United Front conference of 379 organizations, about nine of them A. F. of L. unions. In the March 6th Daily is an article about a New York State conference for Unemployment Insurance at which 246 organizations were represented, only seven of them A. F. of L. unions.

In view of the success of the Denver United Front movement in getting A. F. of L. unions won over—and it is admitted that the 24 A. F. of L. unions of the 60 organizations included in the United Front is only a beginning—there seems to be something wrong. Why is Denver, where the radical movement is weak, doing so much better than the more industrialized areas? Is it entirely due to the more strenuous opposition of eastern unions? Perhaps it is but the question still persists. There is a strong probability that a conviction that the A. F. of L. unions are reactionary and hopeless has something to do with the situation.

The painters here were a tough nut to crack. Three committees had called on them with no result. As various unions were won over more

pressure was brought to bear on them and the fourth committee put the job over. The carpenters, biggest union in town, endorsed the State Hunger March. There was a question, however, whether they would endorse our further demands. When Comrade Toohy recently addressed the State Legislature on the demands for unemployment relief a number of carpenters were in the gallery—and the unions have come all the way. In other words, where the local comrades were uncertain the workers themselves did the job.

There is every indication here that the "regular" unions are becoming radicalized. It is even possible to mention Russia and Communism to them and get a favorable response and recently when the question of getting the Civic Center for the March 4th demonstration, the state secretary of the Federation of Labor, John Gross, was among those who rallied to the cause and, though he is a faker, helped to put the job across along with the so-called labor bloc in the State Legislature.

The United Front movement in Denver has serious problems to face. It is a recognized factor and growing and the swing from the old line unions to it becomes more noticeable. Perhaps a direct approach, sending speakers and explaining things to them will bring